Dampened Spirits? Not at Children’s Day at the Plaza!

Rain, rain, go away; come again some other day might have been said by some on Sat., April 14th but the chilly morning turning to showers in the afternoon did not seem to dampen anyone’s spirits who attended Children’s Day at the Plaza at San Luis Obispo’s Mission Plaza.

Families were treated to a fun-filled day of activities and information offered by an array of community organizations and 4-H and SLO Scientist were well represented.

Young visitors to the 4-H SLO Scientist booth had the opportunity to participate in terrific, educational hands-on science activities which included:

- grinding wheat berries to flour,
- learning about chemical reactions with household products and;
- "playing about" in our mini creek bed and watershed model while learning about our local watershed.

Many thanks to 4-H volunteers! — John McCabe, David Dauer, Chelsea Dauer, Steven Dauer and Kimberly Dauer for their assistance with all the exciting activities! - Heather Dauer, SLO SCIENTIST Coordinator
• **YOUTH IN ACTION DAY** at Estrella Warbird Museum, Sat., May 12, 2007 “TODAY’S YOUTH—TOMORROW’S FUTURE” Gate Opens at 10:00 a.m. Call for more details: 805-466-1212, Food, Music, Antique Cars, Special Aircraft. Address: 4251 Dry Creek Rd, Paso Robles.

• **Online entries for the Santa Barbara County Fair.** There is a change in the entry fee for those who nominate multiple market animals to take to the fair. Only one may be brought. This year you will pay the entry fee for each nominated animal. In years past, many have paid one entry fee. There will not be any reimbursement of the fees for the animals not taken. If you have any questions you may email Lindsay at the Entries office livestock@santamariafairpark.com. There is a Training Class on “Entries” on May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Satellite wagering Bldg. at the Santa Maria Fairpark.

• Alpacas available for a 4-H Project: Call Marilyn Scoggins at 772-1774

• **4-H State Invitational Archery Match,** May 19, 2007, Lemoore Sportsman’s Club (559) 924-7240. For more information Contact: Julie Frietas at (559) 924-4178 or via email: momju@lemoorenct.com. Entry fee: $7 per person/per class

• **2008 State 4-H Field Day Logo Contest!** Logo designs must be submitted by 5/26/07. For more information please visit: http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/

• Salinas Valley Fair (King City) May 17-20, 2007 Fair Theme: “**Come Jam With Us In Steinbeck Country**” (831) 385-3243 Visit http://www.salinavalleyfair.com/

• The **2007 State 4-H Field Day** will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at U.C. Davis. Bring the family for this fun day filled with presentations, horticulture, judging, fashion, food, and fun! More information is available at http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/. Registration for the **State 4-H Presentation Day** is being conducted online at http://ca4h.org/wrp/spd/(deadline May 21). Registration for the **State 4-H Fashion Revue** is due May 12 with more information at http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/

• **23rd Annual California Range and Natural Resources Camp,** for 15-18 year old youth, at the Elkus Youth Ranch outside Half Moon Bay, June 17—22, 2007. Sessions & activities include: riparian, watershed, rangeland & wildlife management; forestry; & a team project planning competition. More information is available at: http://www.casrm.org/ CaSRM11.shtml. **Deadline is May 14, 2007.**

No computer? Call the 4-H Office 781-5943, for assistance.
Former 4-H Member 
Joins 4-H County Office Staff

Dear SLO County 4-H,

I’d like to introduce myself. My name is Julie Beaver Maggiore and I am a new half-time Administrative Assistant at the 4-H office.

I am very excited to be working here because I absolutely love 4-H! I grew up in this area and was a member of both the Cambria and Morro Bay 4-H Clubs. I participated in Leadership, Community Service, Public Speaking, Arts and Crafts, Sewing, and Cooking. I also showed all sorts of critters – beef, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, and poultry. But possibly my favorite 4-H memories are the ones I made as a member of the 1996 National Champion 4-H Livestock Judging Team. As a team member, I had the privilege of visiting six countries in Europe & the British Isles as an Ag Ambassador.

I am newly married with an eight-year-old step son, a Foxtrotter gelding, and a flock of Dutch Bantam chickens. In addition to working at the 4-H office, I teach fiddle lessons and perform with my band Julie & the BadDogs.

My experiences as a 4-H member truly shaped my life. I look forward to working with everyone in the San Luis Obispo County 4-H to provide even better opportunities for today’s youth.

Sincerely,

Julie B. Maggiore
Direct Line: (805) 781-5941

California 4-H
State Leadership Conference &
Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarships

The California 4-H State Leadership Conference will take place August 2-5, 2007 at UC Davis. The conference brings together high school age youth from across California in a four day leadership training, networking, and learning experience, and has as its goal helping youth to reach their full leadership potential. It also provides an excellent opportunity for youth to give input into statewide 4-H activities. All high school age 4-H members may attend the conference. To learn more, or to obtain a Registration Packet, go to www.ca4h.org/conference/slc. Completed packets along with the $380 registration fee are due in the county office no later than June 22, 2007.

As reported last month, we are happy to be able to offer five Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarships to 4-H members this year to attend the California 4-H State Leadership Conference. 4-H members 14-18 years of age as of 8/2/07 are eligible to apply. Applications may be obtained from your Community Club Leader or by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943. Completed applications must be received by the 4-H office by May 25, 2007. Please note, scholarships cover registration costs only, and transportation will be the responsibility of the member. However, depending on availability, chaperoned transportation may be offered.
Money Talks is a money management curriculum developed by the University of California to help teens become financially literate.

The program teaches youth ages 12-19, the skills they need to manage their own accounts, plan for the future, and build their credit.

Why not offer Money Talks in your club? Money Talks would be a great 4-H project!

All of the Money Talks teaching materials are available FREE on the internet.

For more information on how you can offer the Money Talks program in your club, go to http://moneytalks.ucr.edu or contact Shirley Peterson at 781-5951.

State Presentation Day

State Presentation Day will take part during State 4-H Field Day at UC Davis on May 26, 2007.

All 4-H members who received gold medals at Sectional Presentation Day are welcome to participate. Registration is offered only online and must be completed by May 21, 2007.

To register, go to: http://ca4h.org/wrp/spd/

If you have any questions or need help registering, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Leader Recognition Award / State 4-H Leaders’ Forum

The SLO Co. 4-H Adult Leadership Committee is seeking nominations of outstanding adult volunteers to receive the 2007 Leader Recognition Award. The award is $215, which includes the conference fee, meals, and lodging for the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove on November 16—18, 2007. The Leaders’ Forum offers volunteers an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of other 4-H volunteers, share ideas, and learn new skills in their choice of fun workshops—all in a beautiful ocean side setting.

This year five nominees from San Luis Obispo county will be selected to receive the award.

Nomination Criteria:

1) has been a leader for two years and has reenrolled for the new program year;
2) evidence of outstanding teaching/leadership skills;
3) has not been nominated for this award in the last three years.

Clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H members may all nominate leaders for this wonderful award. Leaders may even elect to nominate themselves. If you are nominating someone, please check with them to make sure they will be able to attend the Forum! Leader Recognition Award Nomination Forms are available through your Community Club Leader and at the 4-H Office (781-5943). Nominations are due June 29, 2007 in the 4-H Office. If you have questions, please call Evelyn Rockwell at 466-4383.

Leaders need not be recipients of the Leader Recognition Award to attend the State Leaders’ Forum. All 4-H leaders are eligible and encouraged to attend. More information about the forum is available online at http://ca4h.org/conference/slf/. To receive a discounted rate on the conference fee, meals, and lodging, be sure to register by August 1st, 2007.
4-H Dog Show Hosted By Canyon Country 4-H

On Sunday, April 15th, Canyon Country 4-H hosted a Dog Show at SLODOG’s Annual Dog Days in the Park at Santa Rosa Park. Even though the winds kicked up in the afternoon, the weather was perfect for the dogs and everyone seemed to have a great time.

There were 44 participants showing 47 dogs, the largest entry over the past six years. Classes ranged from Primary to Senior age groups in both Obedience and Showmanship.

Congratulations goes to Aimee Herbstreith of Nipomo 4-H, who won Best Showman with her Vizsla, Charlie or Grandpa to his trial friends and High in Trial with her Vizsla, Cooper.

If you haven’t ever seen a 4-H Dog Show, I would have to say that there is nothing cuter than a Primary member in her 4-H whites with pigtails showing a family dog that outweighs her by 30 lbs. Come and see what I’m talking about at Field Day or the Fair!

Congratulations to All! — Christy Friedmann
RIO RANCHEROS 4-H — On April 13, 2007 at 10:00 am, Rio Rancheros representatives, Kiah, Kendall, and Jessie Featherstone, (accompanied by their little brother, Robert and mother Kirsten), and Dagmar, Sigrid and Gudrun Derickson (accompanied by their mother, Sara) delivered donated food, kitty litter, old towels, and blankets to the San Luis Obispo County Animal Shelter. At their March meeting, Rio Rancheros members graciously donated the goods for the animals at the shelter. The shelter Representative said “We appreciate your contribution, especially with kitten season around the corner.” Rio Rancheros deliverers felt good that they could make some animals more comfortable this spring. – Dagmar Derickson


NIPOMO 4-H

On March 18th, the Nipomo 4-H Arts and Crafts and Jam Preservation group held a project meeting. During the meeting, the group made Strawberry and Raspberry jams. This is a photo of the group displaying the Easter Centerpieces they created.

(From left are: Lauren Jones, Jenna Goodchild, Makena Rose, Janay Goodchild, Jessica Miller, Ariana Jones, Santina Olney, & Ricardo Gonzalez).

The three girls standing in the front are: Savannah Rose, Riane Willoughby, & Makena Waugh.

TEMPLETON 4-H — Members of 4-H, FFA, Exhibitors, parents, leaders, and advisors, attended SHOW CAMP 2007 on March 10th & 11th at the Mid-State Fairgrounds in Paso Robles.

Attendees could participate in pig, lamb, beef (shown below), or goat camp. Each camp covered management, showmanship, nutrition and preparing your livestock for show. Those who attended received Certification for Code of Conduct/State Fair Quality Assurance.

I think everyone had a great time and learned a lot. We all left with these words about ethics and decisions making for showing:

*Be Honest, Be Helpful, and Be Thankful and HAVE FUN!*

— April Rose
Estrella 4-H Gets Crabby!

On Sunday February 11th, Estrella 4-H Community Service group spent the afternoon serving at the Heritage Foundation Crab Feed. Mattie Work, Brianna Birks, Nicole Fonseca, Charlie and Rosie Atkins, and Jesse-Ray and Jeremy Morring served up ice cream sundaes for the 450 attendees. The group also helped set up and clean up the annual dinner.

The Heritage Foundation for the California Mid-State Fair holds the crab feed every year and the proceeds go towards college scholarships for many local 4-H members and others who apply.

As you can see from the pictures, Estrella 4-H is all about Community Service (and having fun while you’re there is not half bad either)! — By S.L.O. County All-Star Jeremy Morring

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS 4-H is FUN!

Send us your 4-H Club’s News by the 15th of each month!

TEMPLETON 4-H – Members of the Templeton 4-H club enrolled in the Community Pride met April 5, 2007 at the Youth Center in Templeton and on Saturday April 7th. Members stuffed Easter Eggs with candies and toys. Saturday they laid out the Easter Eggs for the 9th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt that took place at Evers Sports Park.

Kids left to right Caitlin Ruscki, Taylor Pilg, Alizabeth Herndon, Katie Kennedy - stuffing Easter Eggs for the Templeton All City Easter Egg Hunt.

Members who stuffed eggs were Delaney Drake, Marlee Drake, Mattie Lindsey, Courtney McAllister, Elizabeth Herndon, April K. Rose, Jason Friedle, Taylor Pilg Joe Pilg, Caitlin Ruscki, Paige Jeillette, Lee Hicks, Mike Fletcher, Tyler Evangelista, Lindsey Kennedy and Devon Kennedy. Mattie Lindsey had the fun of both stuffing eggs on Thursday and then hunting them on Saturday. Devon Kennedy, Lindsey Kennedy, April Rose and Jason Friedle were the “die hards” that also showed up on that cold and damp Saturday morning to set up the hunt.

Leaders and parents were Marianne Drake, Cindy Pilg, Romayne Rose, Lori Hicks, Licia Blackburn, Loretta Mazzo, Susie Evangelista, Jennie Lindsey.

— April K. Rose
ANIMAL SCIENCE ENTRIES

The entry form covers Large Animal Science and Small Animal Science. As a reminder, Large Animal Science will be judged on showmanship only, not grooming.

You can only show one Large Animal per Division (i.e. one steer in Division 350-Beef), OR you can show one steer (Division 350-Beef) and one sheep (Division 353-Sheep), remember only one animal entry in a single Division.

Large Animal Science Divisions:
- 350 - Beef
- 351 - Dairy Goats
- 352 - Market Goats
- 353 - Sheep
- 354 - Swine

Small Animal Science Divisions:
- 450 - Dog Care & Training
- 451 - Poultry
- 452 - Rabbit

STILL EXHIBIT ENTRIES

This year you may only enter one item in the Bird-house and Garden Stepping Stone Divisions. You may only enter up to TWO items in Creative Arts and Crafts, Leathercraft, and Plant Science Divisions.

SCARECROW CONTEST: 4-H club members design and create a Scarecrow! Scarecrows can be large or small, creative or traditional, anything goes in the creation of your club scarecrow!

Still Exhibit Divisions:
- 550 - Birdhouse Decorating
- * 551 - Garden Stepping Stones and Garden Markers *NEW this year!
- 552 - Creative Arts and Crafts
- 553 - Leathercraft
- 554 - Scrapbooking
- 555 - Small Animal Science Informational Poster Contest
- 650 - Plant Science
- 850 - Scarecrow Contest
- 950 - Science & Technology

LARGE ANIMAL PROJECT LEVEL TESTING

IMPORTANT CHANGE! ALL 4-H Youth enrolled in LARGE ANIMAL PROJECTS are encouraged to SIGN-UP for LARGE ANIMAL PROJECT LEVEL TESTING with their 4-H Community Club Leader! You do not have to be exhibiting an animal at 4-H FIELD DAY in order to participate in the Large Animal Project Level Testing. The Large Animal Project Level Testing will be given for: Beef, Goats, Sheep and Swine. If you have any questions about this event, please call Joanne Cummings, Animal Science Key Leader at (805) 239-2635 or Evelyn Rockwell, Field Day Operations Manager at (805) 466-4383.
4-H PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Essay Question is: “What experiences have I gained from exhibiting livestock at the California Mid-State Fair that will help me in the future?”

The 4-H office just received these applications. Call the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943 if you would like this application sent to you.
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**PLEASE SEND FORMS IN ON TIME! THANK YOU!**

21  Field Day/C-Q Volunteer Signups Due

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